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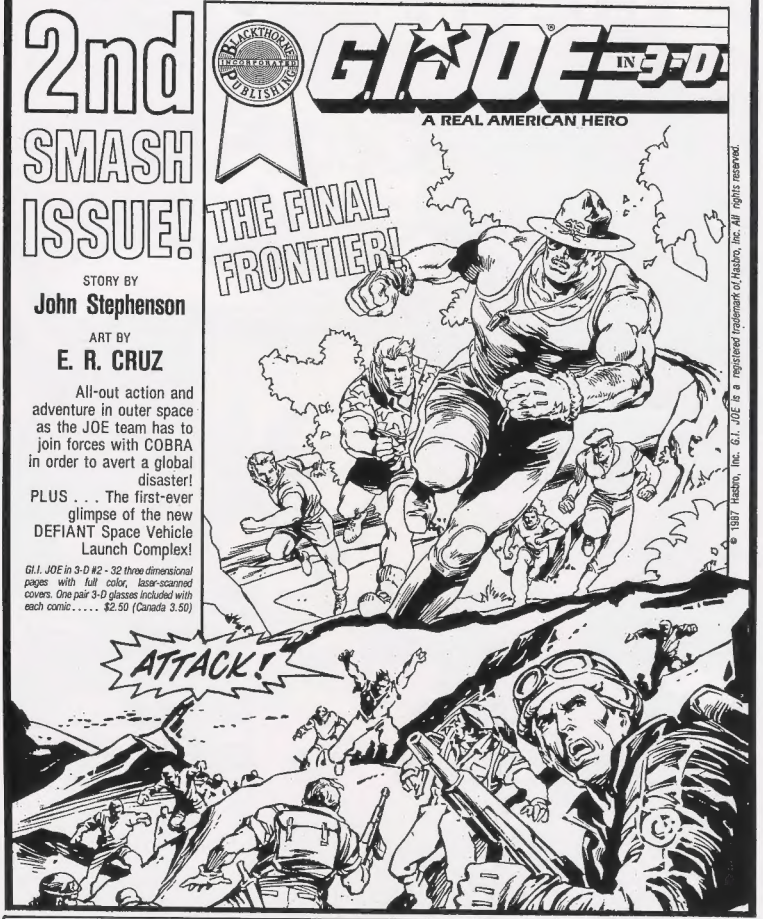
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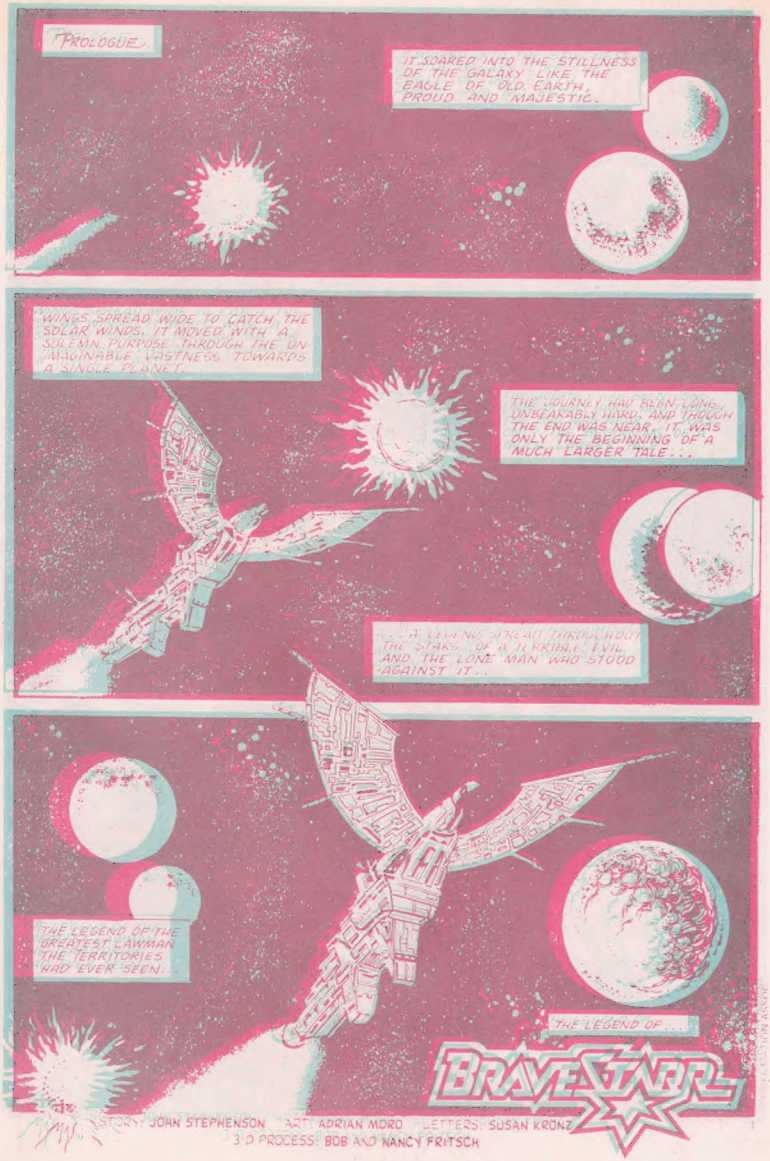
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IT SOARED INTO THE STILLNESS OF THE GALAXY LIKE THE EAGLE OF OLD EARTH. PROUD AND MAJESTIC.
WINGS SPREAD WIDE TO CATCH THE SOLAR WINDS, IT MOVED WITH A SOLEMN PURPOSE THROUGH THE UNIMAGINABLE VASTNESS TOWARDS A SINGLE PLANET.
THE JOURNEY HAD BEEN LONG, UNBREAKABLY HARD, AND THOUGH THE END WAS NEAR, IT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING OF A MUCH LARGER TALE...
A LEGEND SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE STARS... OF A TERRIBLE EVIL AND THE LONE MAN WHO STOOD AGAINST IT.
THE LEGEND OF THE GREATEST LAWMAN THE TERRITORIES HAD EVER SEEN.
THE LEGEND OF...
BRAVESTARR

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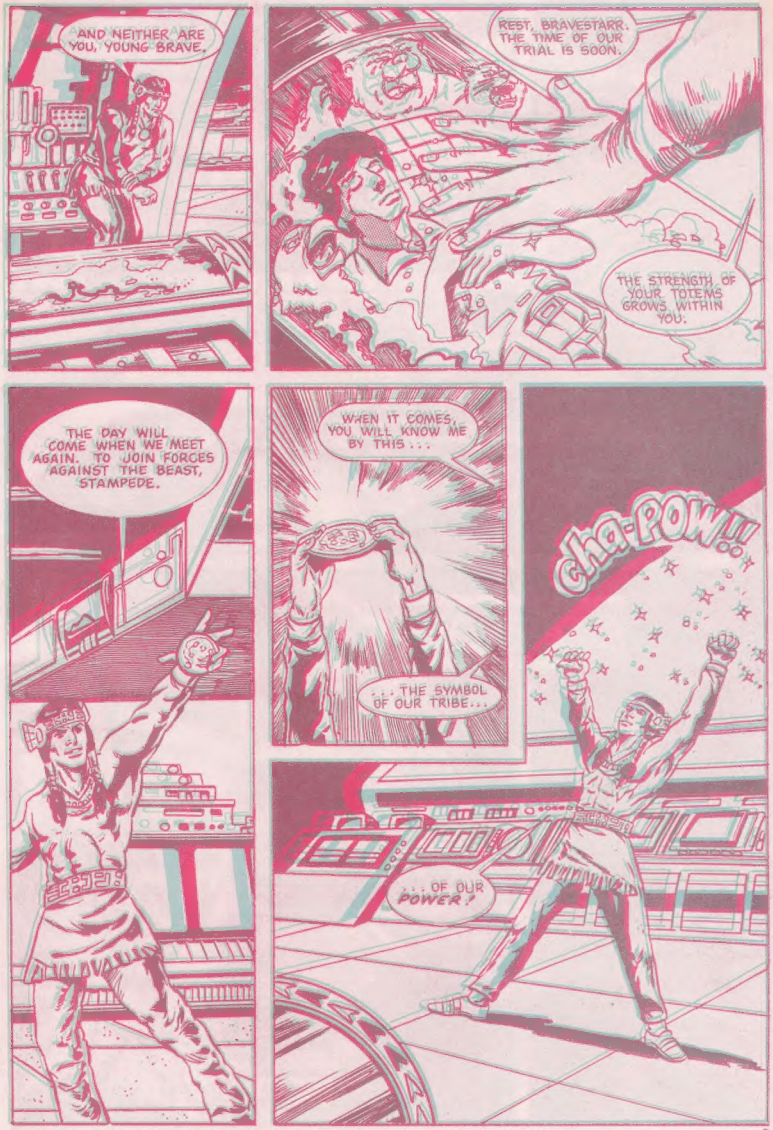
IT IS ALMOST TIME.

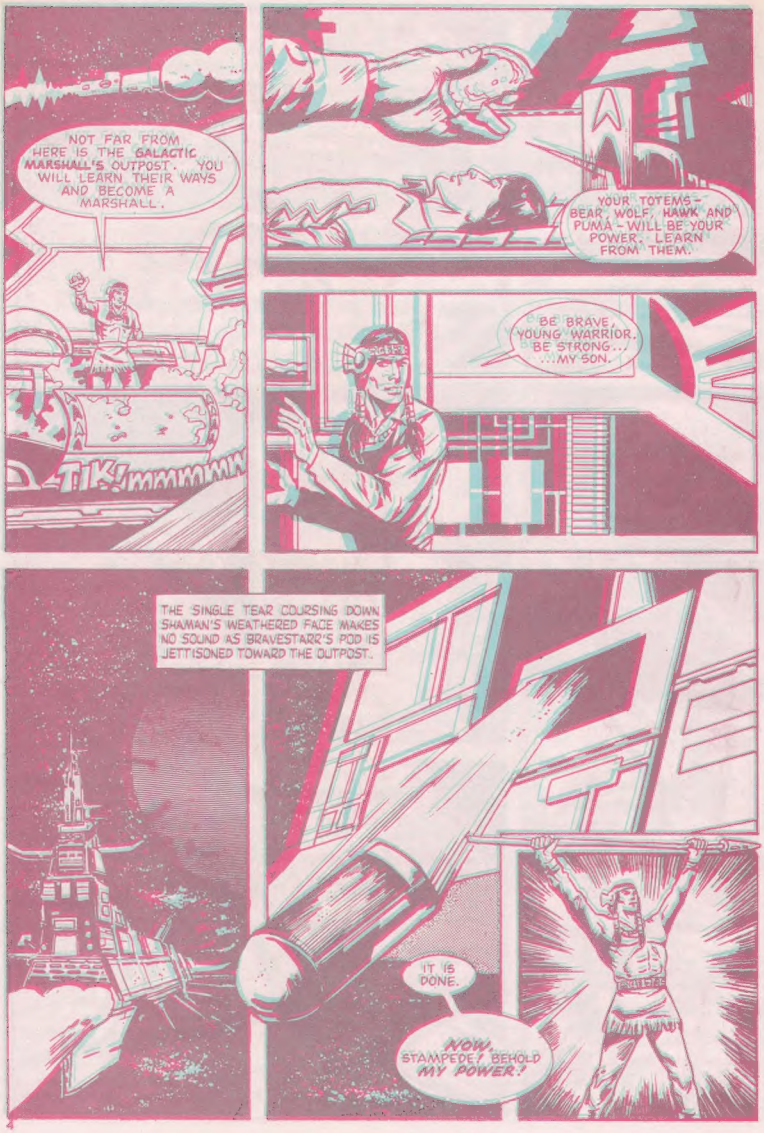
I CAN FEEL YOUR EVIL, STAMPEDE. EVEN AS I FELT IT ON MY HOMEWORLD.

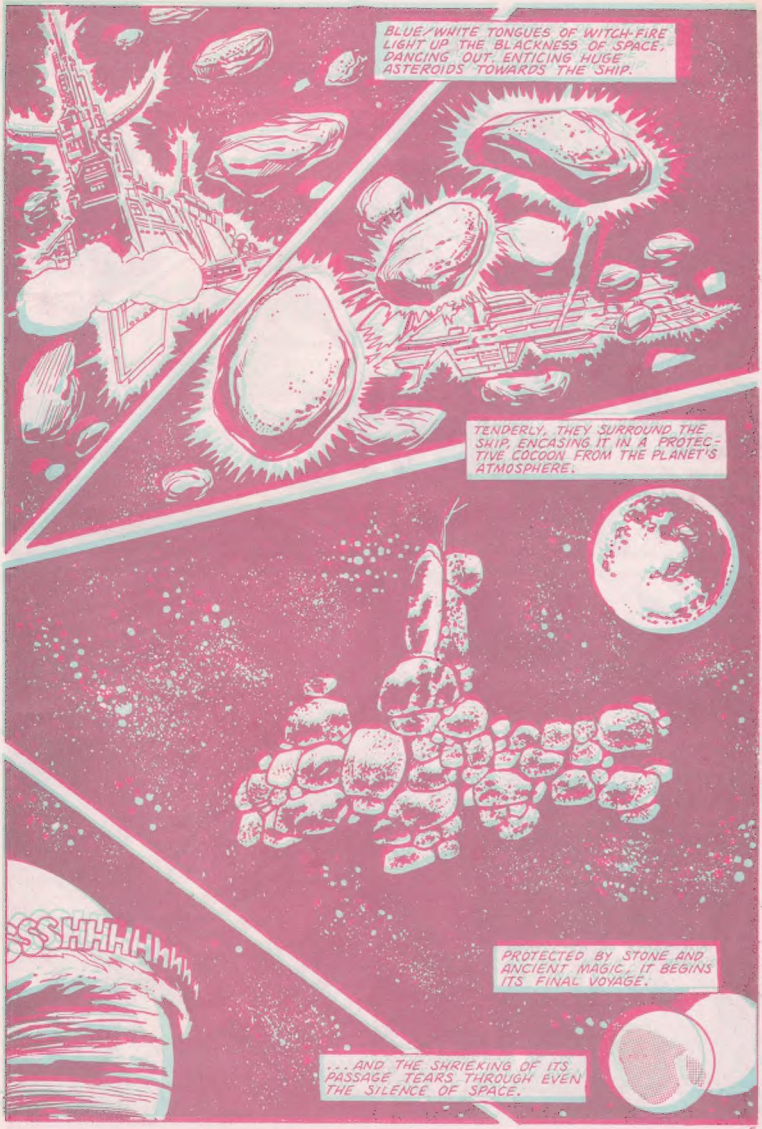
YOU ESCAPED ME THERE, BUT NOT BEFORE DESTROYING MY PEOPLE.
THAT WAS MANY CYCLES AGO, AND NOW I HAVE FINALLY RUN YOU TO GROUND.
YOU ARE MINE, MONSTER.

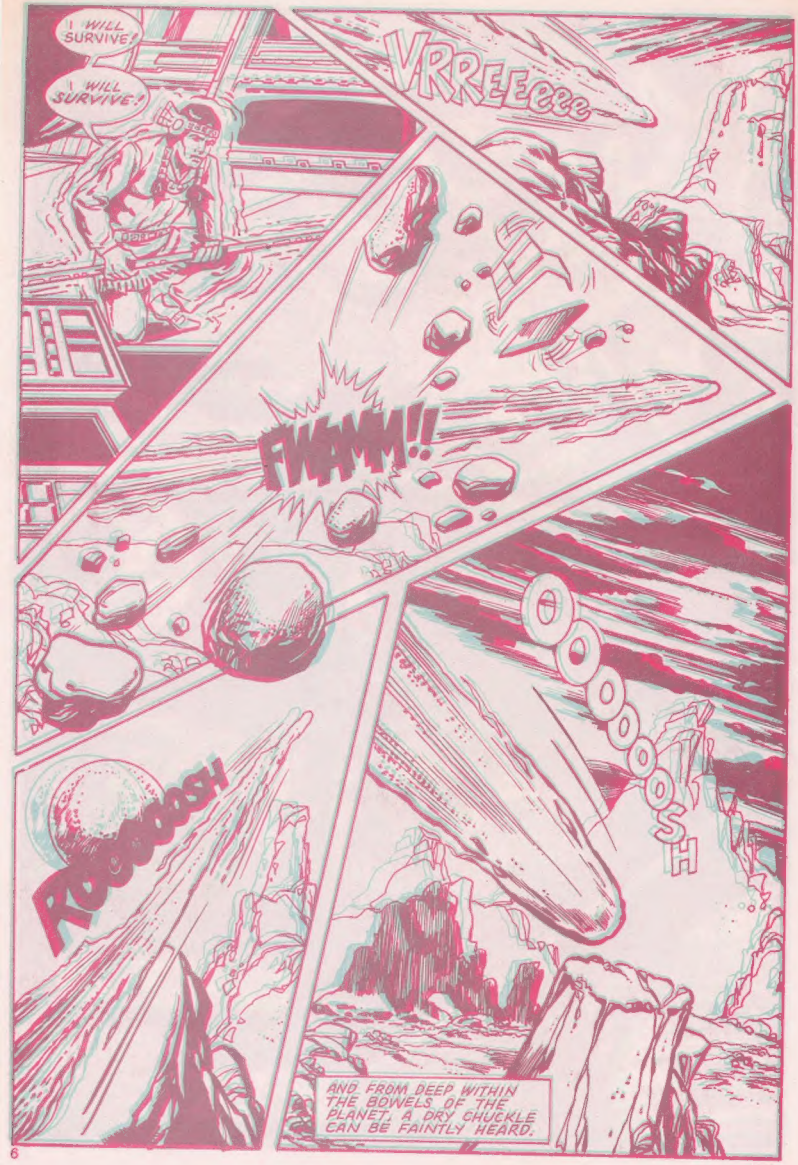
NOW I MUST PREPARE.

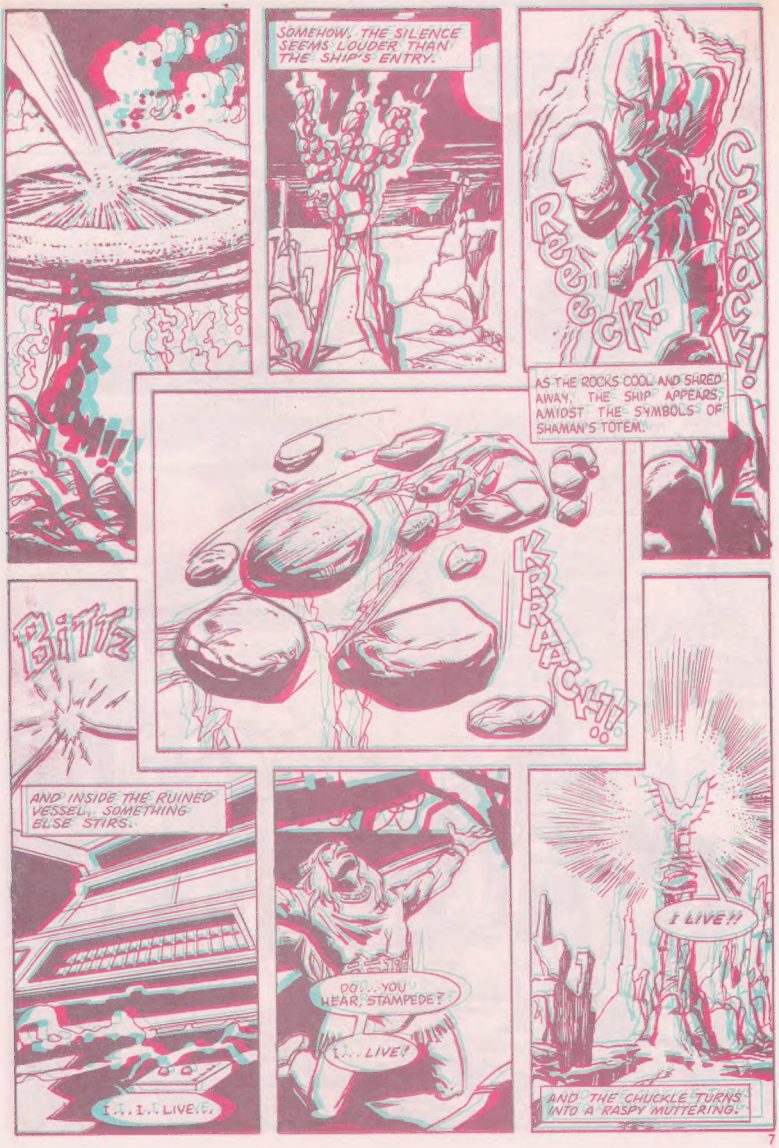
I HAVE USED MUCH POWER TO FIND YOU, AND I AM NO LONGER A MATCH FOR YOU.

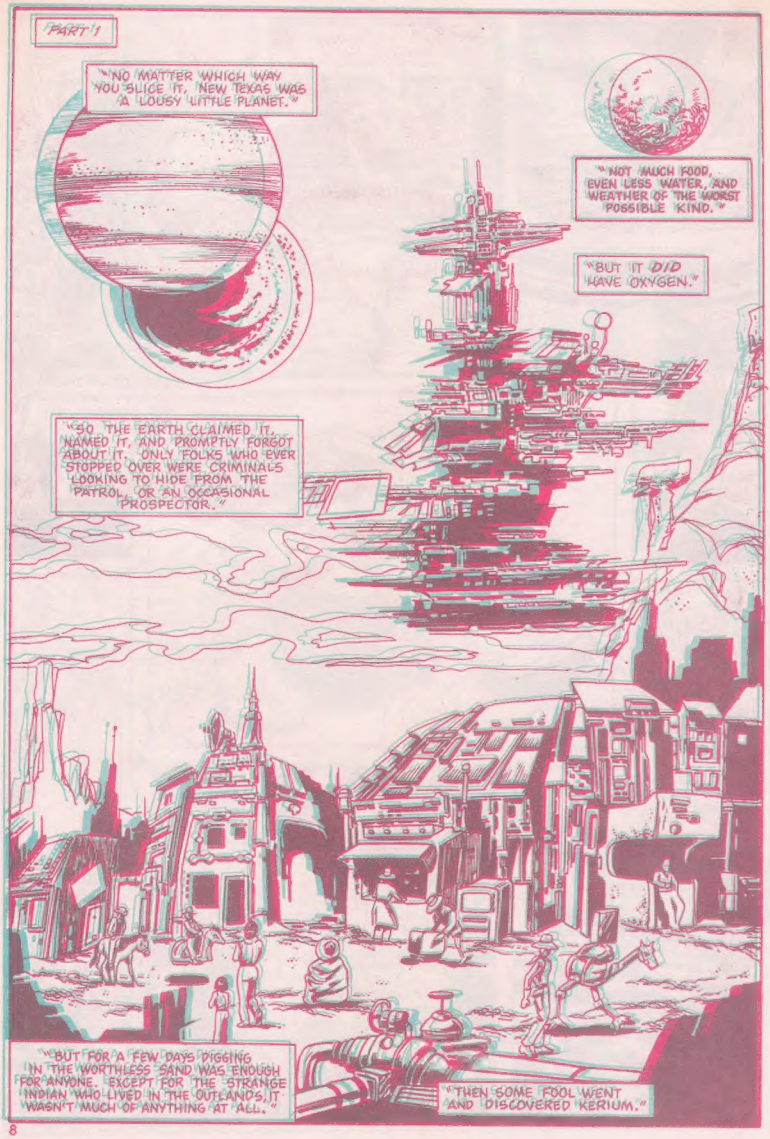

AND NEITHER ARE YOU, YOUNG BRAVE.
REST, BRAVESTARR. THE TIME OF OUR TRIAL IS SOON.
THE STRENGTH OF YOUR TOTEMS GROWS WITHIN YOU.
THE DAY WILL COME WHEN WE MEET AGAIN. TO JOIN FORCES AGAINST THE BEAST, STAMPEDE.
WHEN IT COMES, YOU WILL KNOW ME BY THIS...
...THE SYMBOL OF OUR TRIBE...
cha-POW!!
...OF OUR POWER!

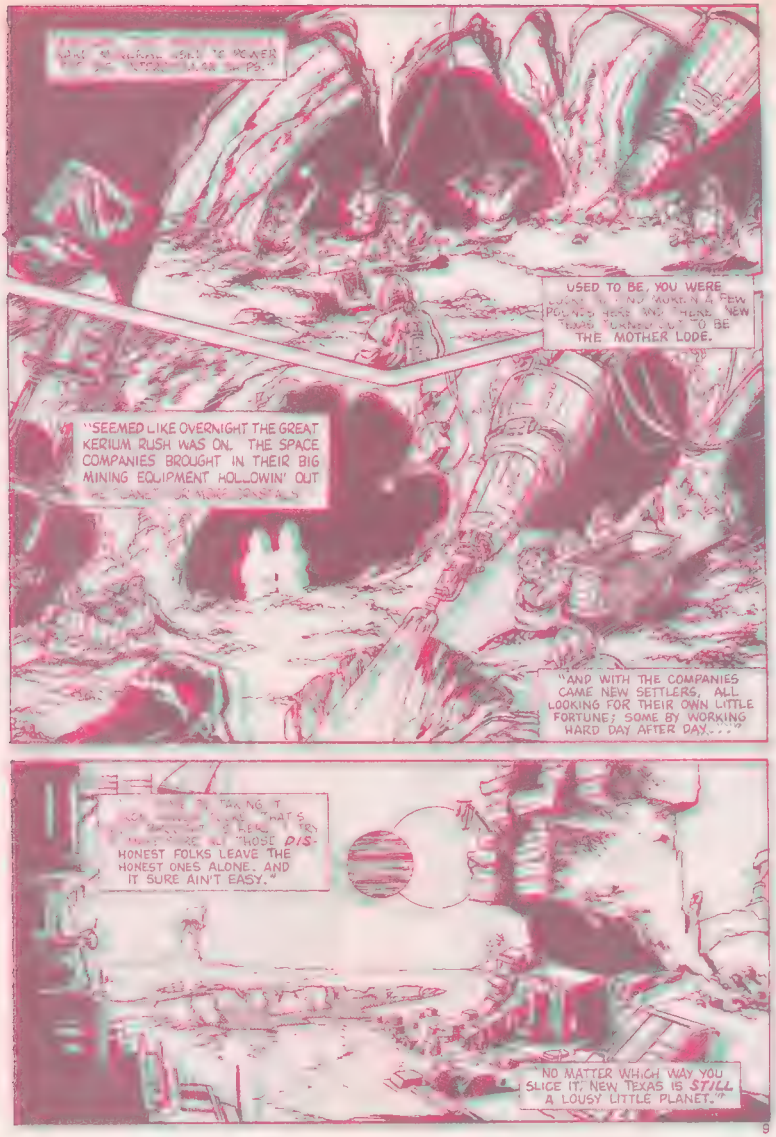

NOT FAR FROM HERE IS THE GALACTIC MARSHALL'S OUTPOST. YOU WILL LEARN THEIR WAYS AND BECOME A MARSHALL.
T.K.! MMMMMM
YOUR TOTEMS - BEAR, WOLF, HAWK AND PUMA - WILL BE YOUR POWER. LEARN FROM THEM.
BE BRAVE, YOUNG WARRIOR. BE STRONG... ...MY SON.
THE SINGLE TEAR COURSING DOWN SHAMAN'S WEATHERED FACE MAKES NO SOUND AS BRAVESTARR'S POD IS JETTISONED TOWARD THE OUTPOST.
IT IS DONE.
NOW, STAMPEDE! BEHOLD MY POWER!


BLUE/WHITE TONGUES OF WITCH-FIRE LIGHT UP THE BLACKNESS OF SPACE, DANCING OUT, ENTICING HUGE ASTEROIDS TOWARDS THE SHIP.
TENDERLY, THEY SURROUND THE SHIP, ENCASING IT IN A PROTECTIVE COCOON FROM THE PLANET'S ATMOSPHERE.
PROTECTED BY STONE AND ANCIENT MAGIC, IT BEGINS ITS FINAL VOYAGE.
...AND THE SHRIEKING OF ITS PASSAGE TEARS THROUGH EVEN THE SILENCE OF SPACE.

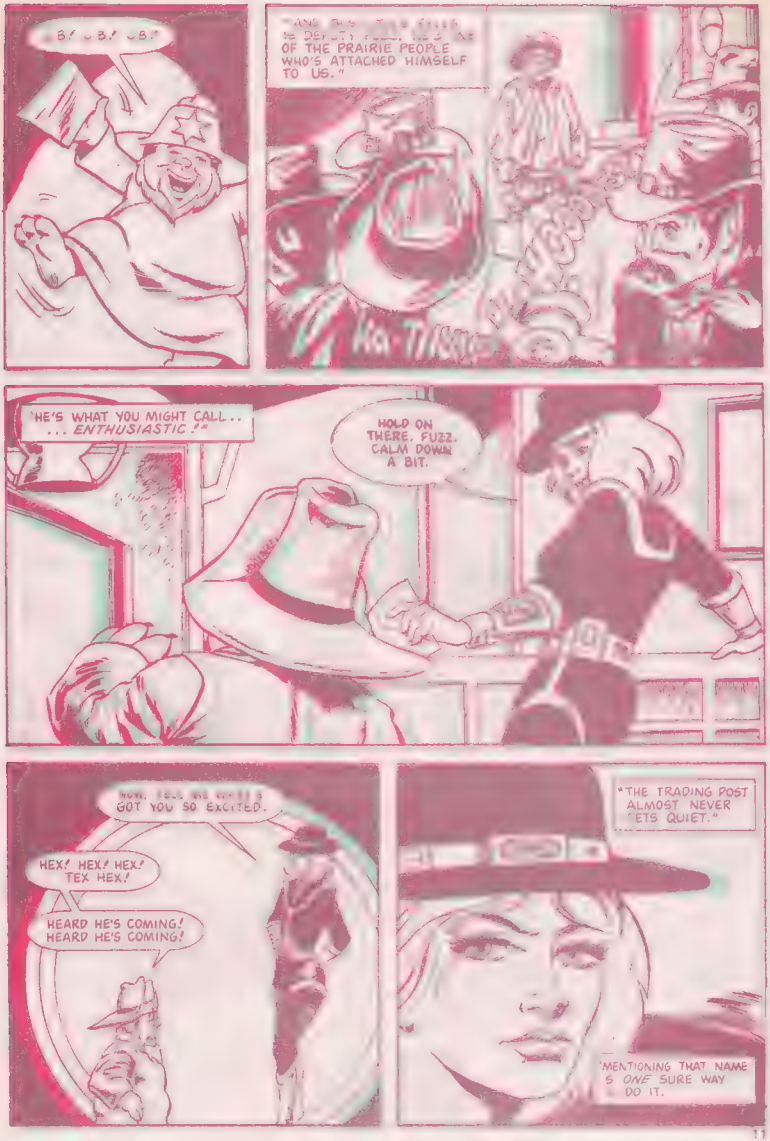

I WILL SURVIVE!
I WILL SURVIVE!
VRREEeee
FWAMM!!
OOOOOOSH
Rooooaaar
AND FROM DEEP WITHIN THE BOWELS OF THE PLANET, A DRY CHUCKLE CAN BE FAINTLY HEARD.


SOMEHOW, THE SILENCE SEEMS LOUDER THAN THE SHIP'S ENTRY.
KRAAA!!!
REEE CK!
CRAACK!
AS THE ROCKS COOL AND SHRED AWAY, THE SHIP APPEARS, AMIDST THE SYMBOLS OF SHAMAN'S TOTEM.
KRRRRRACK!!
BITTZ
AND INSIDE THE RUINED VESSEL, SOMETHING ELSE STIRS.
I..I..I..LIVE!!
DO... YOU HEAR, STAMPEDE?
I... LIVE!
I LIVE!!
AND THE CHUCKLE TURNS INTO A RASPY MUTTERING.


PART 1
"NO MATTER WHICH WAY YOU SLICE IT, NEW TEXAS WAS A LOUSY LITTLE PLANET."
"NOT MUCH FOOD, EVEN LESS WATER, AND WEATHER OF THE WORST POSSIBLE KIND."
"BUT IT DID HAVE OXYGEN."
"SO THE EARTH CLAIMED IT, NAMED IT, AND PROMPTLY FORGOT ABOUT IT. ONLY FOLKS WHO EVER STOPPED OVER WERE CRIMINALS LOOKING TO HIDE FROM THE PATROL, OR AN OCCASIONAL PROSPECTOR."
"BUT FOR A FEW DAYS DIGGING IN THE WORTHLESS SAND WAS ENOUGH FOR ANYONE. EXCEPT FOR THE STRANGE INDIAN WHO LIVED IN THE OUTLANDS, IT WASN'T MUCH OF ANYTHING AT ALL."
"THEN SOME FOOL WENT AND DISCOVERED KERIUM."


USED TO BE, YOU WERE
THE MOTHER LODE.
"SEEMED LIKE OVERNIGHT THE GREAT KERIUM RUSH WAS ON. THE SPACE COMPANIES BROUGHT IN THEIR BIG MINING EQUIPMENT HOLLOWIN' OUT
"AND WITH THE COMPANIES CAME NEW SETTLERS, ALL LOOKING FOR THEIR OWN LITTLE FORTUNE; SOME BY WORKING HARD DAY AFTER DAY...
HONEST FOLKS LEAVE THE HONEST ONES ALONE. AND IT SURE AIN'T EASY."
"NO MATTER WHICH WAY YOU SLICE IT, NEW TEXAS IS STILL A LOUSY LITTLE PLANET."

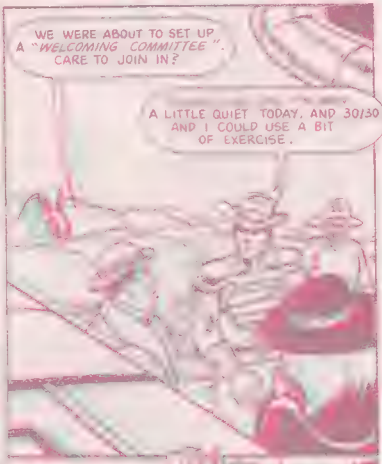
TRAIL NO POST TO WHERE YOU CAN FIND MOST OF THE INHABITANTS ANY GIVEN TIME OF DAY
FOR SUPPLIES OR TO BE AT AFTER A HARD DAY PA[illegible] AND HANDLEBAR, THE PROPRIETOR, TAKES REAL GOOD CARE OF THEM.
"ME? THE [illegible] U.S. JUDGE [illegible]
"I'M HERE TO BE FOR HANDIN OUT JUSTICE IN THIS PART OF THE GALAXY. ALONG WITH SOME VERY IMPRESSIVE HELP."
SEEN BRAVESTARR TODAY, HANDLEBAR?
LAST I HEARD, HE AND SO WERE OUT ROUND THE [illegible]

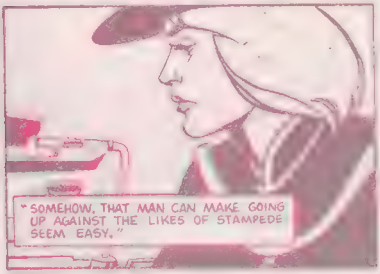

B-! v B-! v B-!
OF THE PRAIRIE PEOPLE WHO'S ATTACHED HIMSELF TO US."
"HE'S WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL... ...ENTHUSIASTIC!"
HOLD ON THERE, FUZZ. CALM DOWN A BIT.
GOT YOU SO EXCITED.
HEX! HEX! HEX! TEX HEX!
HEARD HE'S COMING! HEARD HE'S COMING!
"THE TRADING POST ALMOST NEVER GETS QUIET."
MENTIONING THAT NAME IS ONE SURE WAY TO DO IT.

THAT CON-SARNED, NO-GOOD, ASTEROID-BRAINED CROOK!
WHOA!

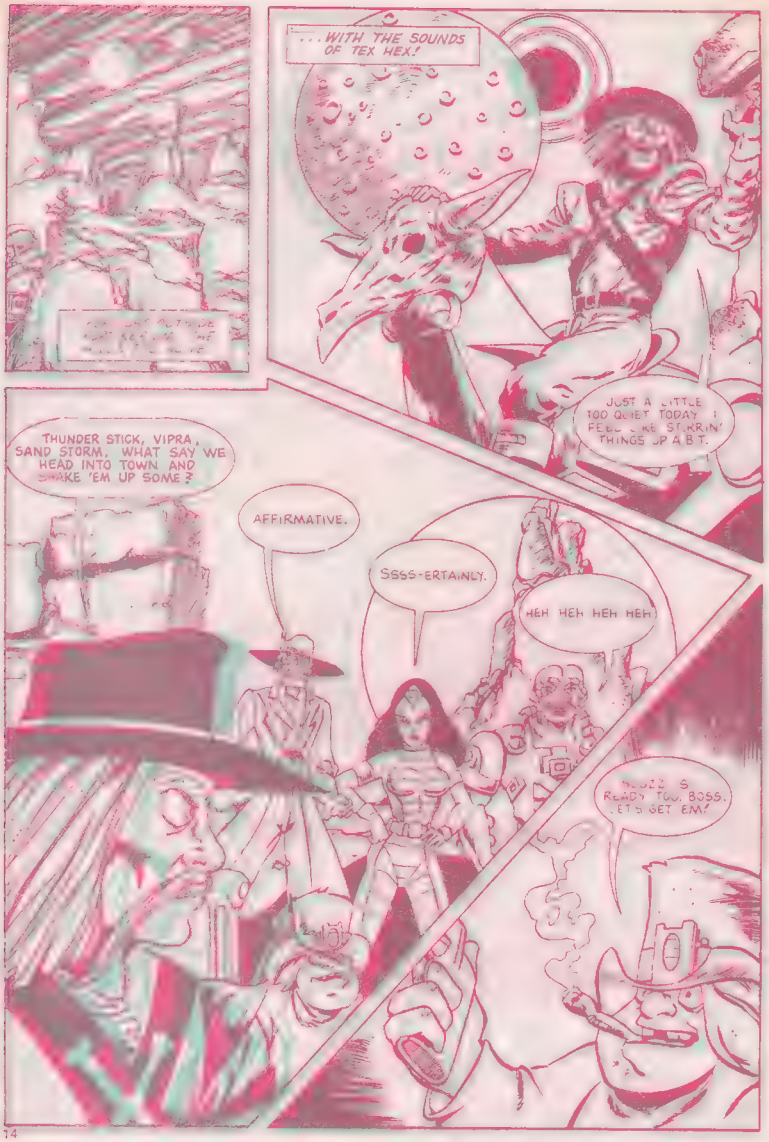
BRAVESTARR!

IT'S THAT TEX HEX, MARSHALL. SEEMS HE WANTS TO "VISIT".

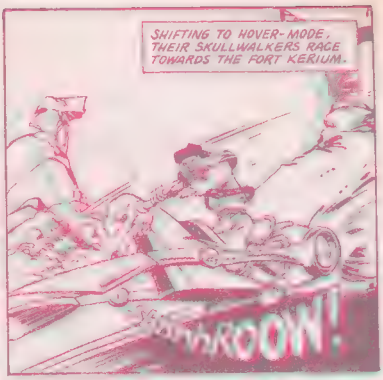

WE WERE ABOUT TO SET UP A "WELCOMING COMMITTEE". CARE TO JOIN IN?
A LITTLE QUIET TODAY, AND 30/30 AND I COULD USE A BIT OF EXERCISE.


"SOMEHOW, THAT MAN CAN MAKE GOING UP AGAINST THE LIKES OF STAMPEDE SEEM EASY."

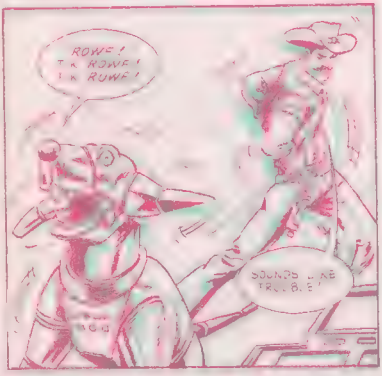
"HE'S THE BEST MARSHAL A COULD HOPE TO WORK WIT-
ATTRACT THE WORST AND TODAY IS NO EXCEPTION..


...WITH THE SOUNDS OF TEX HEX!
JUST A LITTLE TOO QUIET TODAY. I FEEL LIKE STIRRIN' THINGS UP A BIT.
THUNDER STICK, VIPRA, SAND STORM. WHAT SAY WE HEAD INTO TOWN AND SHAKE 'EM UP SOME?
AFFIRMATIVE.
SSSS-ERTAINLY.
HEH HEH HEH HEH!
HOUZZ S READY TOO, BOSS. LET'S GET EM!

LET'S RIIIIIIIIDE!!


SHIFTING TO HOVER-MODE, THEIR SKULLWALKERS RACE TOWARDS THE FORT KERIUM.
VHROOM!

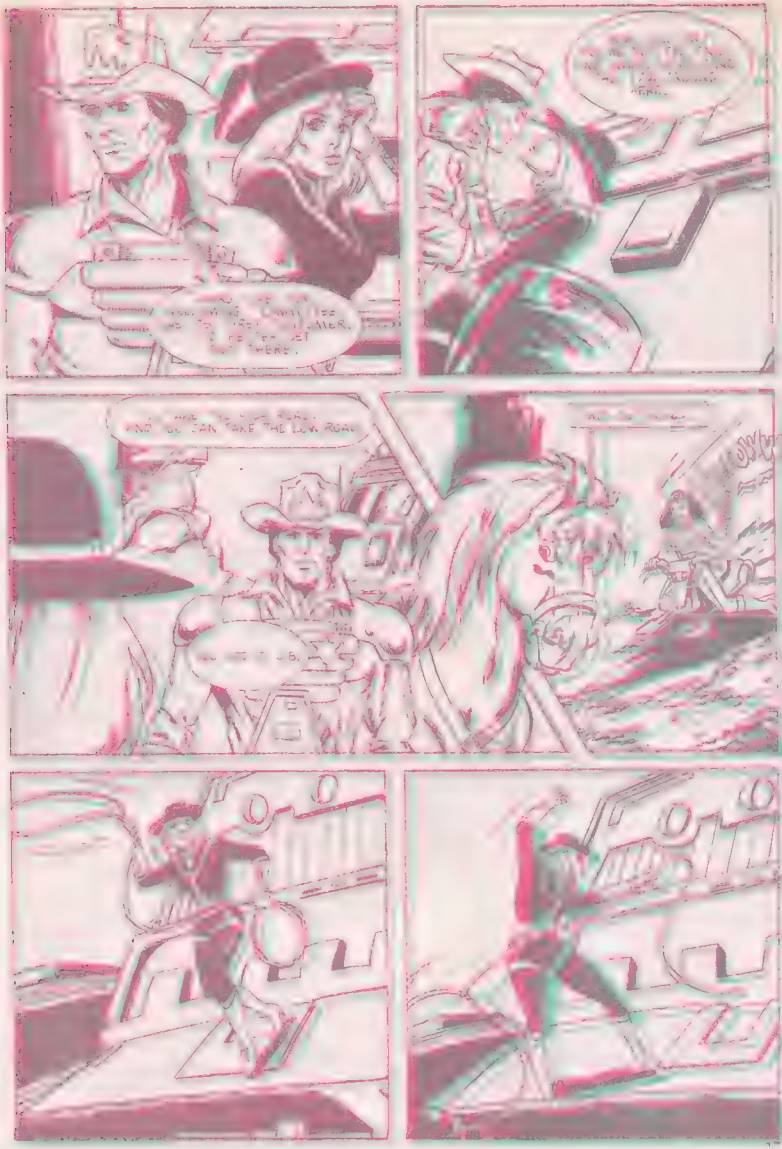
WHAT'S UP ROY?
GRRROFF


ROWF! I-K ROWF! I-K ROWF!
SOUNDS LIKE TROUBLE

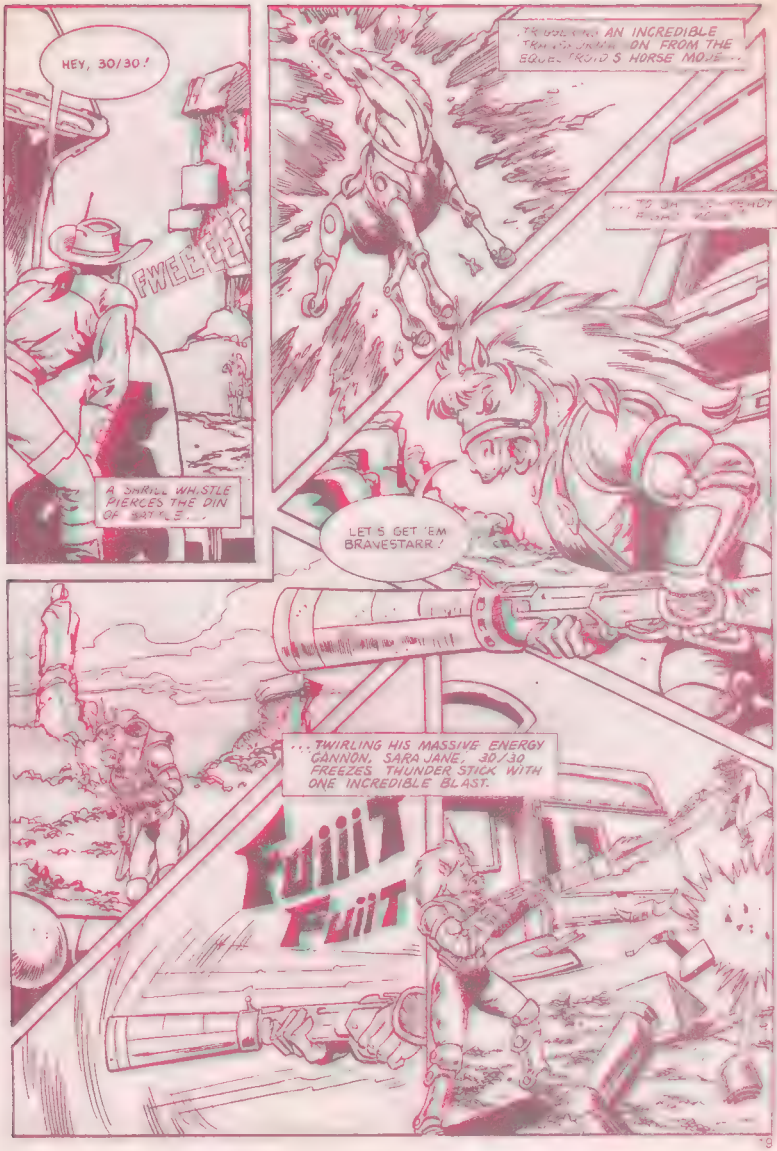
OH MY DARLIN' CLEMENTINE

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
RUMP

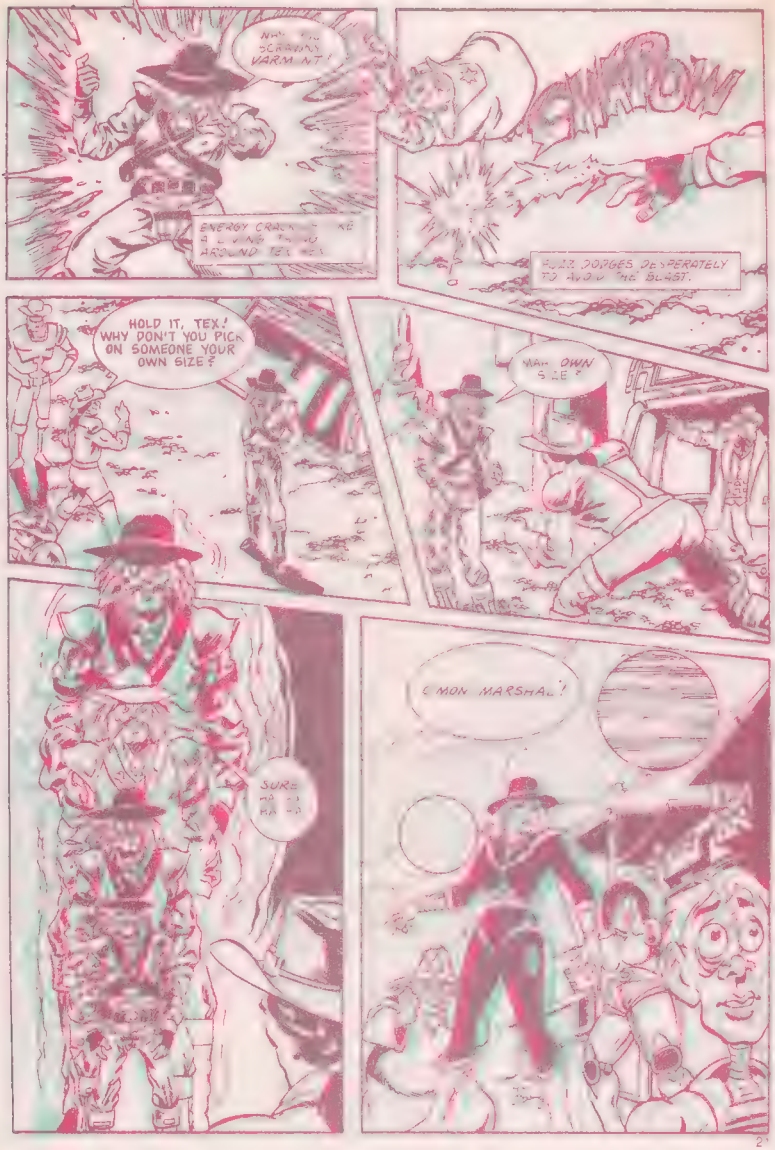
YOU QUIET.
YEEEE-HAAAAAA!!
KA-BOOM!
KNOCK!

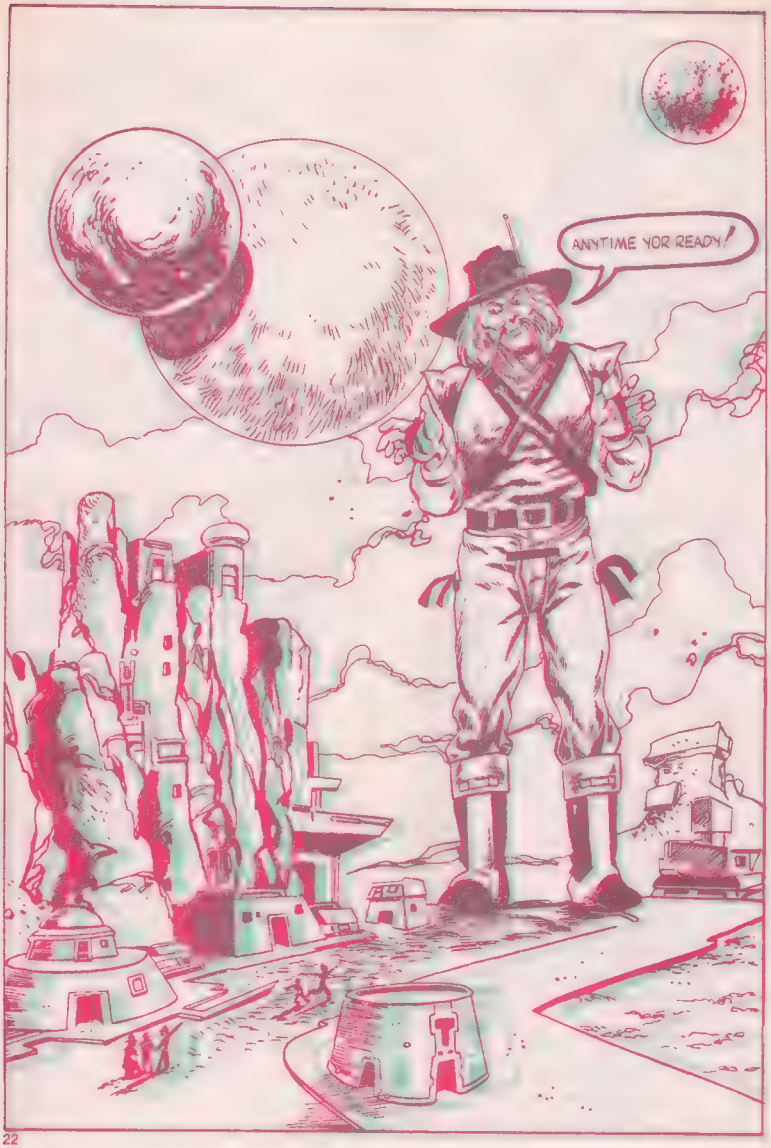


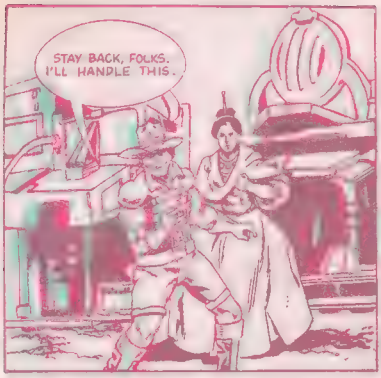
AND THE END OF THE WEEK WHEN SHE'S HAD A FEW OF HIS
POW!!

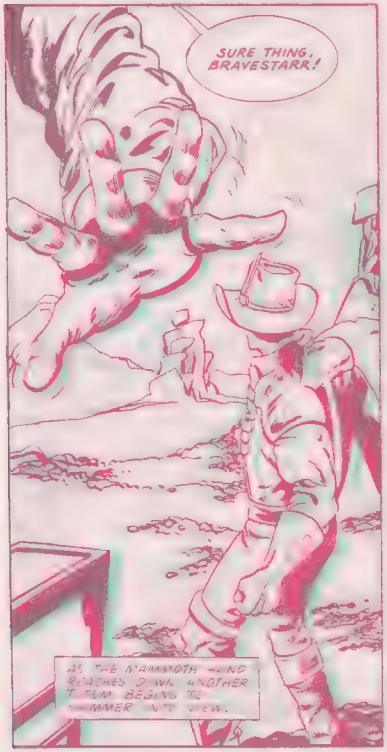

HEY, 30/30!
FWEEE
A SHRILL WHISTLE PIERCES THE DIN OF BATTLE...
...AN INCREDIBLE
ON FROM THE
LET'S GET 'EM BRAVESTARR!
...TWIRLING HIS MASSIVE ENERGY CANNON, SARA JANE, 30/30 FREEZES THUNDER STICK WITH ONE INCREDIBLE BLAST.
FuiiT
FuiiT

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YEW IDIOTS? CAIN'T YEW DO NOTHIN' RIGHT?
GET HIM!
GET HIM!


NOW I'M SCRAWNY VARMINT
ENERGY CRACKLES AS HE SWINGS TEX AROUND
KRAKOW
BLAIR DODGES DESPERATELY TO AVOID THE BLAST.
HOLD IT, TEX! WHY DON'T YOU PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE?
WAH- OWN SIZE?
SURE MARSHAL
C'MON MARSHAL!


ANYTIME YOR READY!


STAY BACK, FOLKS. I'LL HANDLE THIS.

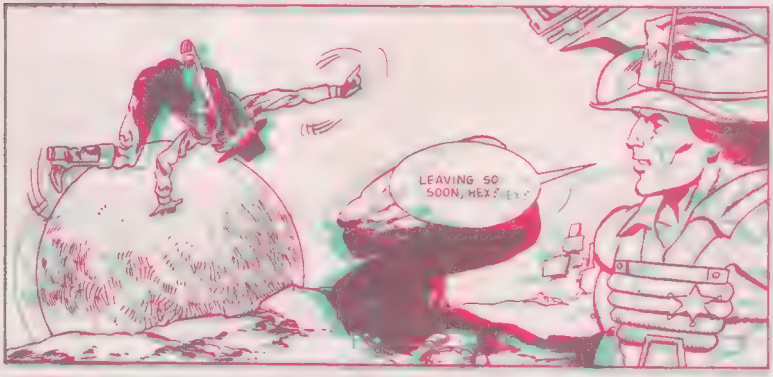

SURE THING, BRAVESTARR!
AS THE MAMMOTH RAISES ANOTHER ITEM BEGINS TO HAMMER ANEW.

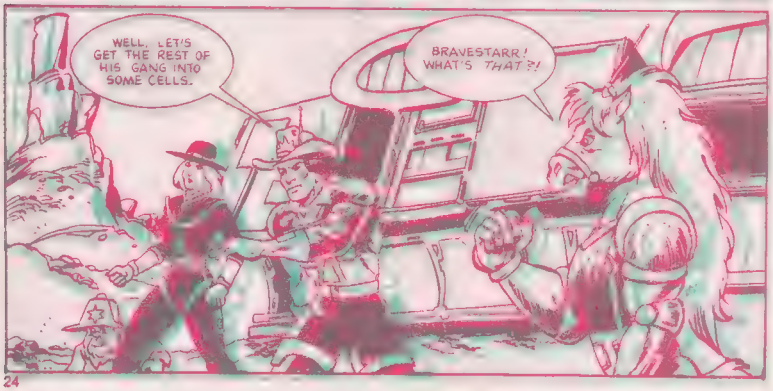
OKAY, HEX. LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.

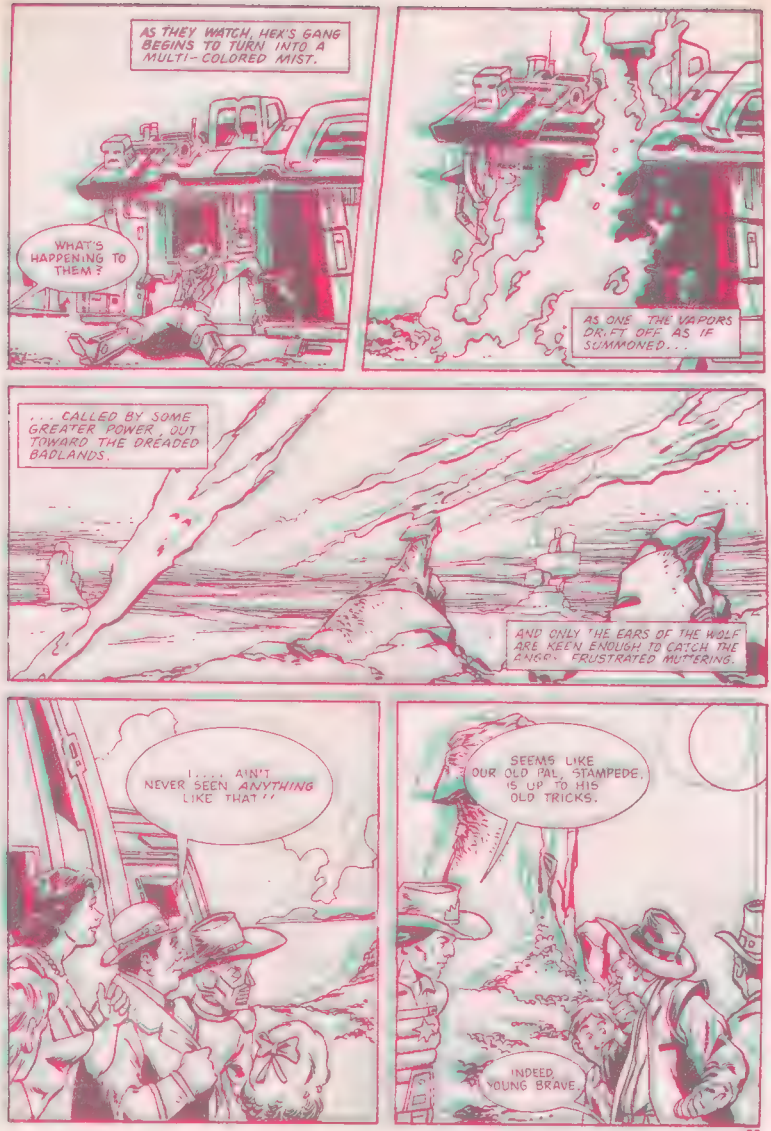
STRENGTH OF THE BEAR!

THIS IS GOING TO HURT YOU A LOT MORE THAN ME, HEX.

KWAM!
KWAM!


LEAVING SO SOON, HEX?


WELL, LET'S GET THE REST OF HIS GANG INTO SOME CELLS.
BRAVESTARR! WHAT'S THAT?!


AS THEY WATCH, HEX'S GANG BEGINS TO TURN INTO A MULTI-COLORED MIST.
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THEM?
AS ONE THE VAPORS DRIFT OFF AS IF SUMMONED...
...CALLED BY SOME GREATER POWER, OUT TOWARD THE DREADED BADLANDS.
AND ONLY THE EARS OF THE WOLF ARE KEEN ENOUGH TO CATCH THE ANGRY, FRUSTRATED MUTTERING.
I.... AIN'T NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT!!
SEEMS LIKE OUR OLD PAL, STAMPEDE, IS UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS.
INDEED, YOUNG BRAVE.

HEY YA'LL! IT'S SHAMAN!
WHAT'S HE DOIN HERE?
YOU HAVE DONE WELL THIS DAY, BRAVESTARR.
YOUR POWERS HAVE GROWN STRONG, AS I KNEW THEY WOULD.
THANK YOU SHAMAN
"YOU HAVE SHOWN THE TOWN THAT TEX AND HIS GANG CAN BE DEFEATED, IF THEY BAND TOGETHER AS ONE. THAT TRUE STRENGTH COMES FROM COOPERATION."

BUT DO NOT LET THIS VICTORY SOFTEN YOU. TEX HEX IS BUT THE TOOL OF GREATER EVIL. EVEN NOW THE FOUL ONE PLOTS HIS REVENGE, AND IT WILL BE TERRIBLE.

STAMPEDE WILL SEND GREATER TESTS AGAINST YOU. YOU MUST ALWAYS BE ALERT.
REMEMBER ALL THAT YOU HAVE LEARNED. NOT ONLY FROM ME, BUT FROM THE GALACTIC OUTPOST AND YOUR COMPANIONS AS WELL.

BE TRUE TO YOUR TOTEMS, BRAVESTARR. TRUST IN THEM.
DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL ON ME. I WILL BE WATCHING.
FAREWELL WISE ONE.

HE'S..HE'S GONE! JUST LIKE THAT!
HOW DOES HE DO THAT?

YOU HEARD THE MAN.
WE'VE GOT A LOT OF WORK AHEAD OF US. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY. BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN MAKE NEW TEXAS A PLACE FOR DECENT FOLKS TO LIVE.
IF WE ALL PULL TOGETHER & WE LISTEN TO SHAMAN'S ADVICE WE CAN DO IT.
WELL TIME'S A WASTIN'. LET'S GET TO IT!
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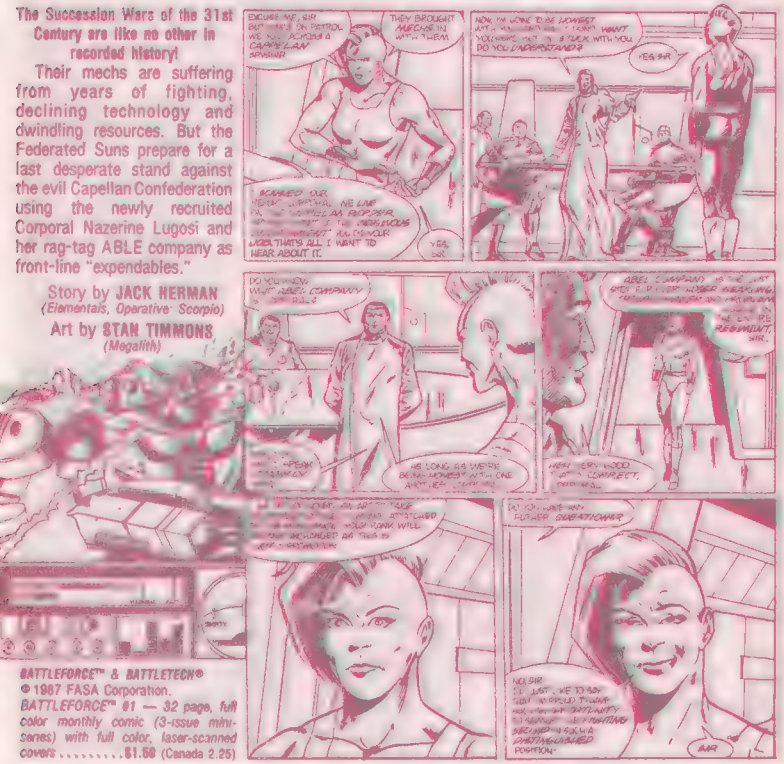
EXCUSE ME, SIR BUT THERE ON PATROL WE HAVE ACROSS A CAPELLAN ARMOUR
THEY BROUGHT MECHS IN WITH THEM
NOW I'M GOING TO BE BOWDLERIZED
YES SIR
SCARED OUR
MECHS THAT'S ALL I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT.
YES SIR.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT ABLE COMPANY
HE LONG AS WE'RE BEING HONEST WITH ONE ANOTHER
ABLE COMPANY IS THE UNIT SHE'S IN NOW. WORSE MEANING
REGIMENT SIR.
HEH. VERY GOOD, SIR. CORRECT.
DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUERIES?
NO SIR. AAR

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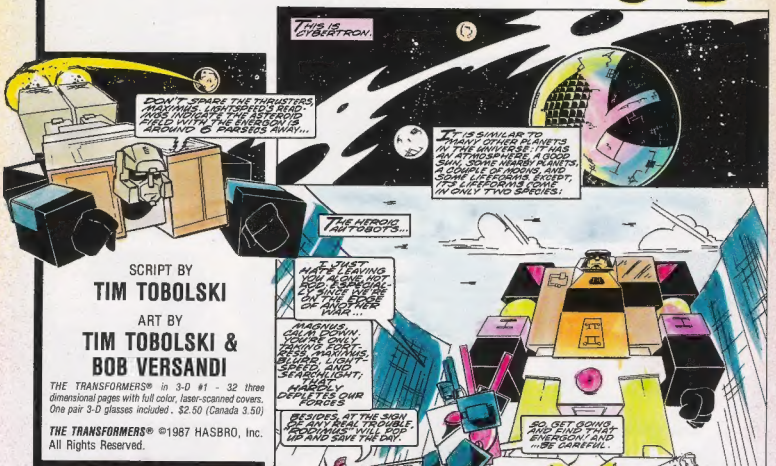
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